

Benchmark Ia.2.2: Review and identify needed statutory changes for case planning review (include input from stakeholder groups).

Evidence of Completion: Written legislative proposals

Initial drafting instructions for the legislative proposals were developed based mainly on input gathered from the Permanency Workgroup, as well as feedback from focus group sessions held during PIP development in 2010. These legislative proposals were then reviewed with the following stakeholder groups for feedback and revision:

November 17, 2011: Out of Home Care and Adoption Committee

November 28, 2011: Case Process Committee

December 1, 2011: Permanency Workgroup

December 8, 2011: Wisconsin Commission on Children, Families and the Courts

January 6, 2012: Wisconsin Juvenile Court Intake Association

January 18, 2012: Tribal/State Policy & Law (PALS) Workgroup

Feedback from meetings with these groups ranged from specific word editing to general questions about implementation. The drafting instructions were continually revised to incorporate the feedback of each stakeholder group. This development process resulted in the final drafting instructions used by the legislative authors. Representative Samantha Kerkman and Senator Mary Lazich authored the companion bills which, after some amendments, resulted in passage of the final bill signed by the governor. The bills were bipartisan.

Links to the bills and legislative history can be found here:

Assembly Bill 599: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2011/proposals/ab599>

Senate Bill 502: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2011/proposals/sb502>